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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY	:	ORDER DENYING PETITION
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE
	:	
STEVEN L. ARMUS, M.D.,	:	ORDER0004391
RESPONDENT.	:	

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On November 18, 2015, the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Board) issued a Final Decision and Order (Order) revoking Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery (no. 34598-20). Pursuant to the Order, Respondent was not allowed to petition for reinstatement of licensure for a period of two years following the effective date of the Order.

On November 14, 2018, the Board considered Respondent's Petition for Reinstatement of the Medical License of Steven L. Armus, M.D. Based upon the information of record, the Board makes the following:

ORDER

1. Respondent's petition for reinstatement of his license to practice medicine and surgery (no. 34598-20) is hereby DENIED.
2. If Respondent petitions for reinstatement of licensure in the future, he shall:
 - a. Within ninety (90) days prior to submitting a petition for reinstatement, undergo an evaluation by a licensed physician pre-approved by the Board or its designee who specializes in the assessment and treatment of substance abuse disorders (evaluator).
 - i. Requests for pre-approval of the evaluator shall be sent to the Department and shall include a current curriculum vitae for the proposed evaluator.
 - ii. The evaluator must be qualified to determine whether or not Respondent is affected by an AODA condition which renders Respondent unable to safely practice medicine and surgery.

- iii. The evaluator must have had no previous personal or professional relationship with Respondent, and may not have previously evaluated or treated Respondent.
 - iv. The evaluator shall have had a minimum of ten (10) years of experience in the field of addiction medicine, and may not have been previously disciplined by any credentialing authority.
 - v. Evaluation methods are within the discretion of the evaluator, but must include a comprehensive interview of Respondent, and must be generally recognized and accepted in the field of addiction medicine.
 - vi. Respondent must provide the evaluator with a copy of this Order.
 - vii. Respondent shall authorize the evaluator to receive all records of AODA evaluations, diagnosis, and treatment that Respondent has undergone since January 1, 2009, and such other records the evaluator deems necessary for a complete evaluation.
 - viii. Respondent shall authorize the evaluator to discuss the results of the evaluation with the Board or its designee.
- b. Include with his petition, a written report authored by the evaluator regarding the results of the evaluation.
- i. The evaluator shall identify restrictions on the nature of practice or practice setting or requirements for supervision of practice, if any, which are necessary to render Respondent able to practice medicine and surgery with reasonable skill and safety.
 - ii. The evaluator shall identify specific AODA treatment goals, if any, which must be met before Respondent is able to practice medicine and surgery with reasonable skill and safety.
 - iii. The opinions and conclusions of the evaluator must be rendered to a reasonable degree of professional certainty.
- c. Complete a hair and/or nail test, through an Approved Program, to determine the presence of controlled substances. The hair and/or nail specimen (to be determined by the Department, Board, or its designee) must be provided at least fourteen (14) days, but no more than sixty (60) days, prior to petitioning the Board.
- i. Respondent shall review and comply with all rules and procedures established by the Approved Program.
 - ii. Respondent shall provide the Department with copies of all prescription medications and other drugs taken in the six (6) months prior to submitting the specimen. Respondent shall abstain from all use of over-the-counter medications or other substances (including but not limited to natural substances such as poppy seeds) which may mask consumption of controlled substances, create false positives, or otherwise interfere with test results.

- iii. Respondent shall execute all releases necessary to permit disclosure of test results to the Department, Board or its designee and authorizing the Department, Board or its designee to discuss Respondent's health care and treatment records with the Approved Program or health care professional. Official records related to the examination results shall be admissible in any future proceeding before the Board.

3. Requests for pre-approval and petitions shall be sent to the Department at:

Attn: Credentialing Paralegal
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Email DSPSDLSCParalegal5@wisconsin.gov
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4. Under Wis. Stat. § 448.02(6), the Board in its discretion may determine whether and under what terms and conditions to grant any petition for reinstatement of Respondent's licensure.

5. This Order is effective the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By: Kenneth Simons, MD 11/29/2018
A Member of the Board Date